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**Advisory Action**

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09/642,531

Applicant(s)

HENDRIKS ET AL.

Examiner

Benjamin E Lanier

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THE REPLY FILED 22 December 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

**PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]**

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on \_\_\_\_\_. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
  - (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
  - (c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
  - (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: \_\_\_\_\_

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): \_\_\_\_\_.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☐ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☐ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

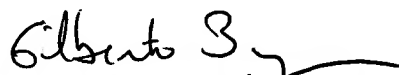
Claim(s) allowed: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) objected to: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) rejected: \_\_\_\_\_

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
10. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_



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Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Applicant's argument that one of skill in the art would recognize that a method or apparatus could operate in accordance with claims 3 and 13 if, for example, a system administrator acting as a third party could assign the identifiers to the one or more users before data units are entered by the one or more users is not persuasive because the system administrator would have no prior knowledge of the users before the users enter the data units. There is no indication in the claim language to suggest that these users have been previously registered and would therefore be able to have identifiers associated with them.

Applicants argument that the Penzias reference does not disclose a distributed collaborative computing system because it does not function to allow users at different locations to work together for some joint purpose is not persuasive because Penzias discloses authentication for retail transaction (Col. 1, lines 9-12). Therefore, a user at a point of sale terminal and a user at the authentication site work together to complete a retail transaction, which would be considered to be a joint purpose.

Applicants argument that the Penzias reference does not include a user settable switch associated with an input devcie for permitting the user to enter a unique identification code is not persuasive because Penzias discloses that the user enters identification information in the form of either height, weight, eye/hair color, fingerprint, iris image, or voice print in order to purchase a certain product. There is no device that measures all of these possibilities therefore entry of a specific type of identification information is user selectable.

Applicants argument that the Penzias reference does not disclose the user identification means includes a personal area network system associated with an input device for permitting automatic entry of a unique identifiable code is not persuasive because Penzias discloses that the scanned biometric information and other user information is transmitted from the point of sale terminal to a central authority for authorization (Col. 5, lines 1-14).